

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

A restraint means for restricting the relative movement of two persons is described. The restraint means has a body (1) which is attached to a first person. The body (10) has a rotating drum (32) from which a connecting cable (60) is fed. The remote end of the cable (60) has an attachment member (12) for attaching the cable (60) to a second person, such as a child, for example. The body (10) can include a trigger (16), which can be pushed in order to contact pawls (52) on the trigger with detent portions (46) on the drum (32), thus locking the drum (32) and preventing further movement away from the first person by the second person. Automated locking means for the drum (32) is also provided and can be used alongside, or instead of, the trigger (16). The attachment member (12) can be supplemented by a belt and fastener (100) which are attached around the second person. The attachment member (12) covers the fastener (100), thereby preventing direct access to the fastener (100) when in use.